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INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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AFDROUGHT

SUBJECT: FOOD AID TO SAHEL

1. OSRO WEEKLY REPORT FOR DONORS AND UNDP RESREPS DATA AS
OF 25 MAY INCLUDES FOLLOWING NOTES:

MAURITANIA - UK GOVERNMENT STUDYING FUNDINGS OF ITS ONSITE
EVALUATION TEAM ON ROSSO FERRY SITUATION.

MALI - LARGE STOCKS IN DAKAR INCLUDING 39,877 TONS RICE FROM
USSR AND SORGHUM ARGENTINA BOTH COMMERCIAL. AVERAGE MONTHLY
EVACUATION LAST TWO MONTHS 12,868. THE 36,792 TONS DONATIONS
DAKAR PORT MUST NOT BE INCREASED. RAINS COULD BEGIN END JUNE.
STOCKS ON COVERED PALLETS NOT DESIRABLE OVER EXTENDED PERIOD.
INCREASING RAINS IVORY COAST INDICATES ABIDJAN STOCKS SHOULD
BE EVACUATED QUICKLY USING DIRECT LORRIES AND RAIL PARTICULARLY
SHOULD GOOD FLOW ARRIVALS BE MAINTAINED IN VIEW
RECENT DIVERSIONS FROM DAKAR.

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UPPER VOLTA-EVACUATIONS FROM ABDIDJAN HAVE BEEN LOW AND STOCKS
ARE ACCUMULATING. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE DONORS SHOULD

CONSULT WITH THEIR AGENTS TO UTILIZE ALL POSSIBLE MEANS OF EVACUATION TO UPPER VOLTA. GIVEN THE CLIMATE OF ABIDJAN STORAGE IN ABIDJAN SHOULD NOT EXCEED 3 TO 4 WEEKS.

NIGER - RATES OF EVACUATION FROM COTONOU AND APAPA HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY AND SINCE 1 MAY TOTALED 8,820 TONS AND 15,000 TONS RESPECTIVELY, (3,000 OF THE LATTER WERE GROUNDNUT SEED). THIS WAS ACHIEVED DESPITE THE RAIL AND PORT STRIKE RESULTING IN 7 - 8 DAYS WAITING TIME FOR SHIPS IN HARBOR. PORT HARCOURT HAD FEWER STOCKS THAN APAPA AND IT APPEARED POSSIBLE TO DIVERT SHIPS THERE FOR NIGER AS WELL AS FOR CHAD.VOLPE

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